

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

After an action packed half term, St. Andrew's pupils and staff are now looking forward to half term.

Yr 2, 3 and 4 have enjoyed learning about the Stone Age and were extremely enthusiastic after their Educational Visit to Grimes Graves. Yr 1 and 2 have also enjoyed a historical theme, learning about Toys in the past and had an exciting visit to Strangers Hall.

As part of book week, Yr 6 joined their peers at their partnership schools, to spend the day with the inspirational author Stephen Davies. Stephen described the children as 'bright and engaged' and was sure he had spotted a children's author for the future amongst them! The week climaxed with all pupils and staff at St. Andrew's coming dressed as book characters!

A highlight of the last term was the visit by the Maasai Warriors to Key Stage 2 children at St. Andrew's. Children were in awe of their singing and dancing and vibrant costumes and keenly participated when requested.

Friends of St. Andrew's have also been active this term, organising a popular film night for pupils while raising funds for the school.

St. Andrew's now looks forward to exciting opportunities ahead after half term. These include Cross Country, Hi 5 netball and multi skills. The school also plans to hold a series of open mornings and afternoons for parents of prospective Reception children to visit, these are 1-2.15pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1-3pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November or 9.30am-3pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

If you would like further information about St. Andrew's Primary, or wish to make an appointment to visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01379 687253 or by e-mail head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk. We would love to hear from you!

## St Andrew's Pre School

This term the children are looking at autumn colours and textures, so the Garden area is being very well used. We currently have 5 frogs living in our new garden bog area!

Pre School had an OFSTED inspection at the beginning of October and everyone is thrilled to have received a **good** report! (Congratulations all round!)

Our sessions are now all day, i.e. 8.45am-3.15pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays each week during school term time.

Any new residents with children approaching their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, or a bit older, are warmly invited to get in touch to arrange a visit with a view to joining us. We offer your child a safe way to make friends with those they may then grow up alongside and can also help them to get to know the "big" school too. Do note that **all** 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free sessions each week.

As always, just drop in, view the setting and meet our team. Please note our new contact number is 07854 091257.

We are running a mobile recycling initiative, so if any reader has an old mobile languishing in a drawer, let us take it off your hands and turn it into much needed pennies and pounds for the pre school.

## Lophams' Village Hall

**The Osiligi Maasai Warriors event on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014** was a sell out. The performers held the audience, especially the youngsters, transfixed by their display of songs and dances. When it came to the jumping competition the Lophams' representatives performed very well but couldn't quite match the height and style of the warriors. Everyone enjoyed this glimpse of another culture in the knowledge that, over the years, the money earned has been used to dramatically improve the lives of the people back home.

**The Lophams' Bonfire and Firework Event** is on **1<sup>st</sup> November**; the gates open at 6pm and the fireworks will start about 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 adult and £3 child, with a family ticket at £20. There will be soup, hot food and drinks in the hall and on site, plus stalls, so tell all your friends and come for a great night out.

**Bonfire:** Grateful thanks go to all those who have already brought burnable material along - the gates will be open from 10 - 2 each weekend until 1<sup>st</sup> November if you still have prunings etc., but **not** unsuitable materials. Environmental Health will be on the watch until the final day!!

The September Farmers' Market was a **Super Sausage Saturday**, with meat vendors providing tastes of their wares to a bumper crowd of purchasers. The chicken sausages were voted best on the day - Congratulations!

**The Lottery** is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. In September, the winners were:- 1<sup>st</sup> prize £186.00 - G Horan; 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes of £46.50 - P Wyer & D Hammond. Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen, tel; 01379 687608, from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer, tel; 01379 687718, from other Village Hall Committee members (see website for details), or at the Farmer's Market and at Village Hall Events. **Farmer's Markets** are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am to 12.30pm. **The November Market is on 22<sup>nd</sup>**. For details, call Mike on 01379 687235. **Judo** is on Mondays & Wednesdays - (Details from Howard on 01379 688258). **Dog Training** is held most Tuesday evenings, our trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information. **Lopham Art Group:** meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am. The cost is £20 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact Jennifer on 01379 687882 for more details. **Yoga with P:** We hope will return in the autumn - watch this space!

**To book the hall** for private functions, please contact 01379 687679. To find out more about the hall generally, visit the website at [www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk).

## Lophams' Ladies

At our October meeting, Mr Gerry Baxter, Pearly King of Streatham, enlightened and entertained us all with his talk, costume and photos detailing the history and traditions of the pearly Kings and Queens of London. Started as purely a means of raising money for charity, it is still the sole purpose of these generous folk today.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> we have invited Mr Patrick Barker to talk on "**Conservation and Farming**." There will be a **Bring and Buy stall** at this meeting. **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the date for our **Christmas Lunch**.

It was good to welcome visitors at our last meeting, as indeed we would always wish to welcome visitors and new members.

For further details phone 01379 687337.

## Garden Club

Ian Limmer of Peter Beales Roses came to our last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October and showed us many slides and spoke to us about Peter and his life spent in horticulture. He told us about Peter's many achievements and how he and his family built up their business and made us realise how sorely he must be missed.

Our next meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> November when Ian Carstairs will join us to talk about "**Cornfield Flowers**".

We shall not have our usual meeting in December but instead are looking forward to enjoying our **Christmas Dinner on 5<sup>th</sup> December**. This will once again be at Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre and tickets will be available at our November meeting.

We meet at Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

## Samaritan's Purse - Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to all those who are busy filling boxes - They need to be brought to Southlands, North Lopham by about 10<sup>th</sup> November to be sure of getting to their destination in time.

More information from Jennie, 01379 687679.

## Lophams' Art Group - Art and Craft Sale

The Lophams' Art Group, along with selected local craft workers, will be holding their second Art & Crafts Sale at Lophams Village Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 6pm - 9pm and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 10am - 4pm. Free admission on both days with mulled wine and mince pies served on Friday evening and refreshments available all day Saturday. This year the event will be supporting Alzheimer's Research Charity, with the proceeds of the sale of Christmas cards produced by the group.

